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BULLETIN OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS STATISTICS

YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1947.

1. GENERAL

This survey issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the second year's operations of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947) - for the year ended June, 1947.

In addition to the information contained herein, further tables for the year have been included in the June, 1947 Bulletin issued on 23rd September, 1947 (P.N. 2372).

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act, (from 1st July, 1947 the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947). The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. It was stated in the bulletin reviewing the first year's (year ended June, 1946) operations of the Act that, at the date tabulations were commenced (27th July, 1946), many advices relating to that year had not been received by this Bureau and were therefore excluded from the published figures. These advices have been included in the year now under review except that in Sections 3, 4 (i), 5 (i), 6 (iv) and 6 (v) they have been allocated to their correct month and year of admission or discontinuance. Thus there will be a discrepancy between the above-mentioned and other Sections of this Bulletin. The position is that 3,521 claims admitted (1,910 unemployment, 1457 sickness and 154 special) and 6,055 benefits discontinued (3,926 unemployment, 2,041 sickness and 88 special) during 1945-46 have been included in the 1946-47 tabulations and no adjustment has been made except in the above-mentioned Sections. The situation is the same at the end of 1946-47 in that some advices relating to that year were not received until after the tabulations were begun and they will therefore be included in the following year. However the numbers involved will be much smaller due mainly to the tabulations having been commenced at a date further removed from 30th June (15th August, 1947 as against 27th July, 1946) but also to more prompt despatch of advices to this Bureau.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

(i) All Benefits - State Totals: The following table shows the benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during each of the years ended June, 1946 and 1947:-

BENEFITS PAID DURING 1945-46 AND 1946-47 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(a)	275,205	172,141	198,943	277,932	1,068	6,772	475,216	456,845
Victoria	28,234	159,061	139,267	181,684	912	6,839	168,413	347,584
Queensland	108,138	441,048	76,306	100,531	624	7,826	185,068	549,405
South Australia(b)	73,226	20,064	53,076	74,471	206	1,769	126,508	96,304
Western Australia	36,440	110,700	34,818	58,150	654	2,918	71,912	171,768
Tasmania	3,827	7,809	23,459	33,246	809	1,815	28,095	42,870
<u>TOTAL</u>	525,070	910,823	525,869	726,014	4,273	27,939	1,055,212	1,664,776

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Average Payments: Average weekly payments per beneficiary and the average amount of benefit paid per benefit discontinued are shown for each of the years ended June, 1946 and 1947 in the following tables:-

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAYMENT PER BENEFICIARY (a) DURING 1945-46 and 1946-47 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales (b)	2.04	1.89	1.74	1.73	0.69	1.26	1.90	1.78
Victoria	1.73	1.94	1.66	1.57	0.90	1.34	1.66	1.71
Queensland	1.36	1.82	1.79	1.66	0.90	1.66	1.51	1.78
South Australia(c)	1.77	1.95	1.70	1.68	0.66	1.47	1.74	1.73
Western Australia	1.54	1.94	1.57	1.56	1.03	1.26	1.55	1.78
Tasmania	1.72	1.85	1.79	1.66	0.71	0.97	1.71	1.64
<u>TOTAL</u>	1.76	1.87	1.71	1.65	0.80	1.36	1.73	1.76

(a) Average weekly payments divided by average number of persons on benefit at end of each week. (b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

AVERAGE BENEFIT PAID PER BENEFIT DISCONTINUED (a) DURING 1945-46 AND 1946-47 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47	1945- 46	1946- 47
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales (b)	5.88	13.00	12.09	14.32	4.06	10.33	6.99	13.72
Victoria	8.67	10.03	12.18	12.61	11.26	10.71	11.47	11.15
Queensland	6.91	11.92	11.46	12.28	7.47	15.22	8.55	11.96
South Australia(c)	6.32	14.82	10.91	12.11	5.04	11.67	7.38	12.65
Western Australia	6.67	8.98	8.98	10.55	6.94	12.59	8.015	9.41
Tasmania	8.98	18.07	11.83	13.18	13.49	19.04	11.13	13.83
<u>TOTAL</u>	5.77	11.33	11.61	12.85	6.39	12.14	7.61	11.93

(a) Average weekly payment multiplied by average duration of benefits discontinued (see table 5 (ii), page 5. (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

The very low average unemployment benefit paid in 1945-46 was due mainly to the short duration of the large number of benefits granted in New South Wales and South Australia in December, 1945 and early January, 1946, due to power rationing.

(iii) Unemployment Benefits : Monthly State Totals: The amounts paid in unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1947, were as follows:-

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PAID DURING EACH MONTH OF 1946-47 : STATES

Month	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia(b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 -							
July	10,013	4,111	35,164	3,045	10,462	623	63,418
August	12,452	6,097	32,290	2,181	11,726	755	65,501
September	12,702	5,102	19,999	1,998	10,277	966	51,044
October	12,379	5,195	19,090	927	10,142	993	48,726
November	14,182	5,007	21,528	900	15,102	771	57,490
December	12,339	35,604	27,194	2,567	12,357	730	90,791
1947 -							
January	25,618	59,649	53,067	2,743	9,978	834	151,889
February	19,723	7,112	66,900	1,820	7,073	333	102,961
March	14,934	7,583	52,615	1,203	5,775	405	82,515
April	11,282	8,349	48,341	862	5,825	509	75,168
May	14,273	10,822	38,868	876	6,820	524	72,183
June	12,244	4,430	25,992	942	5,163	366	49,137
Total 1946-47	172,141	159,061	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,823

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

At 30th June, 1946, 13,989 persons were in receipt of benefit comprising 6,873 unemployment, 6,920 sickness and 196 special benefits. During the year ended June, 1947, 136,212 claims were admitted (78,578 unemployment, 56,028 sickness and 1,606 special) whilst 134,054 benefits were discontinued (79,243 unemployment, 53,465 sickness and 1,346 special) leaving 16,147 benefits in force at 28th June, 1947 (6,208 unemployment, 9,483 sickness and 456 special).

The total number of benefits granted and discontinued during the year ended June, 1947 and persons on benefit at the beginning and end of that year, in each class of benefit, is shown in the following table:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT YEAR 1946-47 : AUSTRALIA

Class of Benefit	On benefit at 30th June, 1946		Claims admitted during 1946-47		Discontinuances during 1946-47		On benefit at 28th June, 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Unemployment	6,576	297	73,379	5,199	73,974	5,269	5,981	227
Sickness	5,628	1,292	45,024	11,004	43,388	10,077	7,264	2,219
Special	56	140	1,271	335	1,136	210	191	265
TOTAL	12,260	1,729	119,674	16,538	118,498	15,556	13,436	2,711

NOTE: For monthly figures of claims admitted and discontinuances from July, 1946 to June, 1947 see June, 1947 Bulletin.

4. CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR
(See also pages 6 and 11)

(i) Total Persons, State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMITTED TO BENEFIT DURING 1946-47 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales (a)	12,297	407	15,798	3,725	336	72	28,431	4,204	32,635
Victoria	15,645	542	10,967	3,242	388	105	27,000	3,889	30,889
Queensland	32,556	3,366	6,735	1,445	313	65	39,604	4,876	44,480
South Australia (b)	1,368	12	5,015	961	67	30	6,450	1,003	7,453
Western Australia	11,113	868	4,459	1,219	139	48	15,711	2,135	17,846
Tasmania	400	4	2,050	412	28	15	2,478	431	2,909
Total 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,004	1,271	335	119,674	16,538	136,212
Total 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	194	98,875	19,207	118,082

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Classification of Beneficiaries by Age, Conjugal Condition and Dependants:

In the following table claimants whose admission to benefit was notified during the year ended June, 1947, have been classified according to type of claimant as determined by the maximum benefit appropriate to the age and conjugal condition of the beneficiary and the number of dependants in respect of whom the beneficiary was entitled to benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING 1946-47 - CLASSIFICATION OF BENEFICIARIES : AUSTRALIA

Type of Claimant (at date of commencement on benefit)	Maximum rate per week Shillings	Unemployment		Sickness		Total (a)		
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
Under 18 years unmarried-								
with no dependants	15	1,554	791	1,561	1,349	3,120	2,156	5,276
with dependent child	20	-	1	1	17	1	18	19
18-21 years, unmarried -								
with no dependants	20	3,759	1,427	2,910	2,440	6,675	3,891	10,566
with dependent child	25	3	33	-	58	3	94	97
Over 21 years, unmarried-								
with no dependants	25	22,255	2,362	10,709	5,538	33,346	8,188	41,534
with dependent child	30	661	210	426	416	1,092	643	1,735
Any age, married -								
with no dependants	25	2,149	253	1,890	923	4,115	1,193	5,308
with dependent spouse	45	16,175	6	10,782	10	27,713	16	27,729
with dependent spouse and child	50	28,261	7	17,409	6	45,821	14	45,835
with dependent child (no dependent spouse)	30	395	186	540	498	942	696	1,638
<u>TOTAL</u>		75,212	5,276	46,228	11,255	122,828	16,909	139,737

(a) Includes special Benefits (1,388 males, 378 females, 1,766 persons).

NOTE: Unmarried includes widowed and divorced.

The preceding table shows the maximum rate applicable to each type of beneficiary. The actual benefit paid was less in many cases due to the application of a "means test" as to income.

44.9 per cent. of the beneficiaries (38.5 per cent. of males, 91.2 per cent. of females) did not receive any additional benefit in respect of dependants while 32.8 per cent. (37.3 per cent. of males, 0.1 per cent. of females) received additional benefits in respect of dependent spouse and child, 19.8 per cent. (22.5 per cent. of males, 0.1 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent spouse only and 2.5 per cent. (1.7 per cent. of males, 8.6 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent child only.

57.6 per cent. of the beneficiaries were married - 64.0 per cent. of males and 11.4 per cent. of females.

(iii) Classification by Maximum Rate of Benefit: In the following table admissions to unemployment and sickness benefits notified in each State during the year ended June, 1947 have been classified according to the maximum rates of benefit applicable to each class of beneficiary and expressed as percentages to total admissions. The average maximum rate is also shown for each State.

CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING 1946-47 : MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES.

Maximum Rate per week shillings	Unemployment						
	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Aust- ralia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Commonwealth
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	2.5	1.4	3.7	0.8	3.3	1.0	2.9
20	4.7	3.6	8.5	2.3	6.5	2.2	6.5
25	32.7	31.1	36.7	28.4	29.2	29.7	33.6
30	2.1	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.3	2.7	1.8
45	21.5	25.5	17.1	31.5	19.2	20.3	20.1
50	36.5	36.8	32.2	35.2	40.0	44.1	35.1
<u>TOTAL</u>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<u>AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE (IN SHILLINGS)</u>							
	38.0	39.1	(c)35.8	40.0	38.3	40.0	37.3

CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING 1946-47 : MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES
(Continued)

Maximum Rate per week shillings	Sickness						
	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Australia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Commonwealth
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.3	6.7	4.6	5.0
20	9.1	9.7	9.4	8.2	11.1	8.1	9.3
25	31.2	34.4	36.0	30.7	37.3	29.9	33.3
30	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.2	3.3
45	19.7	18.7	17.5	23.2	14.3	15.4	18.8
50	31.8	28.5	29.4	30.8	27.3	37.8	30.3
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE (IN SHILLINGS)

36.1	35.1	35.0	36.7	33.6	36.9	35.5
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(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) This low average maximum rate is due to the relatively high proportion of females most of whom were in receipt of benefit for a very short period only. Thus, while they affect appreciably the average maximum rate per claim admitted, they have a much smaller influence on the average weekly payment per beneficiary (see Table 2 (ii), page 2

NOTE: The actual rate per week was less than the maximum in many cases due to the application of a "means test" as to income.

5. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Total Persons, State Totals: The following table shows the number of benefits discontinued in each State during the year ended June, 1947:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING 1946-47 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales(a)	12,150	452	15,064	3,338	291	43	27,505	3,833	31,338
Victoria	15,568	531	10,535	2,996	349	73	26,452	3,600	30,052
Queensland	32,619	3,383	6,540	1,339	292	37	39,451	4,759	44,210
South Australia(b)	1,592	9	4,940	875	56	14	6,588	898	7,486
Western Australia	11,608	888	4,326	1,147	123	22	16,057	2,057	18,114
Tasmania	437	6	1,983	382	25	21	2,445	409	2,854
Total 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,077	1,136	210	118,498	15,556	134,054
Total 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	54	86,615	17,478	104,093

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Include Northern Territory.

(ii) Average Duration: In the following table the average duration of benefits notified as discontinued during each of the years ended June, 1946 and 1947 is shown for each class of benefit and State:-

AVERAGE DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING 1945-46 (a)
AND 1946-47 : STATES.

State	Average Duration (in weeks)							
	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1945-46	1946-47	1945-46	1946-47	1945-46	1946-47	1945-46	1946-47
New South Wales (b)	2.88	6.88	6.95	8.28	5.89	8.20	3.68	7.71
Victoria	5.01	5.17	7.34	8.03	12.51	7.99	6.91	6.52
Queensland	5.08	6.55	6.40	7.40	8.30	9.17	5.66	6.72
South Australia (c)	3.57	7.60	6.42	7.21	7.63	7.94	4.24	7.31
Western Australia	4.33	4.63	5.72	6.76	6.74	9.99	5.17	5.29
Tasmania	5.22	9.77	6.61	7.94	19.00	19.63	6.51	8.43
TOTAL	3.28	6.06	6.79	7.79	7.99	8.93	4.40	6.78

(a) Revised since issue of 1945-46 bulletin. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR AND
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF YEAR.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment in each State as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during the year ended June, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employers, quits on that of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR
ENDED JUNE, 1947 : STATES

Cause of Unemployment	P e r s o n s						
	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Common-wealth
Discharged or laid-off due to -							
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	617	356	911	102	422	44	2,452
Retrenchment including closing of establishment ..	1,651	600	4,053	171	870	46	7,391
Replacement by re-instated ex-service personnel etc.	689	409	946	74	488	27	2,633
Power rationing ..	225	158	7,751	11	3,325	9	11,470
Shortage of materials ..	562	900	1,703	124	492	16	3,797
Strikes, lock-outs within the same establishment ..	3,069	10,889	242	288	2,427	1	16,916
Seasonal work ..	834	297	8,275	50	230	33	9,719
Casual work ..	1,632	890	5,301	229	1,104	69	9,225
Other reasons, including inadequately defined ..	391	238	1,798	50	430	16	2,923
Quitted due to -							
Medical unfitness, work too heavy ..	1,463	835	2,022	209	1,098	72	5,699
Other reasons, including inadequately defined ..	910	491	1,761	83	684	32	3,961
Not previously employed -							
Employers, workers on own account ..	293	86	676	15	269	18	1,357
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	484	110	1,676	22	496	31	2,819
Other ..	53	13	38	3	16	3	126
<u>TOTAL</u>	12,873	16,272	37,153	1,431	12,351	408	80,488

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

Twenty-one per cent. of total admissions notified during the year ended June, 1947 were due to strikes and lock-outs, 14 per cent. to power rationing, 12 per cent. to seasonal work, 12 per cent. to casual work and 10 per cent. to medical unfitness, work too heavy, etc. (including inefficiency).

In New South Wales 24 per cent. of admissions were due to strikes and lock-outs (Metropolitan shipyards dispute, November to February, metal trades dispute at Newcastle and Lambton in March and colliery disputes during August, September, October and April) and 19 per cent. to seasonal and casual work.

Sixty-seven per cent. of Victorian admissions were the result of strikes and lock-outs (the metropolitan metal trades dispute during November, December and January accounting for 56 per cent. whilst the A.E.U. dispute in the railways and tramways during April and May accounted for most of the remainder).

Completion of seasonal and casual work accounted for 37 per cent. of the Queensland admissions (mainly in sugar, meat and constructional industries during November to March) and power rationing during July for 21 per cent.

Twenty per cent. of the very small number of admissions in South Australia were due to the metal trades dispute from November to January and 22 per cent. to medical unfitness, etc. (including inefficiency).

In Western Australia the November strike of engine-drivers which resulted also in power rationing accounted for 47 per cent. of admissions in that State.

Over 28 per cent. of Tasmanian admissions were due to medical unfitness, etc. (including inefficiency.)

(ii) Ages: The distribution of unemployment beneficiaries by age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE - UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING 1946-47 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH JUNE, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1946)	Claims admitted during 1946-47			On benefit at 28th June, 1947		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	4,055	1,681	5,736	259	60	319
20-24 "	9,739	1,733	11,472	525	55	580
25-29 "	9,656	611	10,267	511	30	541
30-34 "	9,310	392	9,702	520	18	538
35-39 "	8,113	243	8,356	514	12	526
40-44 "	8,097	208	8,305	597	13	610
45-49 "	7,257	179	7,436	644	13	657
50-54 "	6,802	124	6,926	702	14	716
55-59 "	6,715	98	6,813	865	12	877
60-64 "	5,468	7	5,475	844	-	844
TOTAL	75,212	5,276	80,488	5,981	227	6,208

(iii) Industrial Groups: The following statement shows the distribution, according to main industrial groups in each State, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during the year ended June, 1947:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1947 : STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	Persons						
	New South Wales (a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Common-wealth
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	1,600	480	5,866	72	451	31	8,500
Other Primary Production ..	242	82	583	7	126	8	1,048
Coal Mining ..	865	6	102	1	428	-	1,402
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	102	83	223	12	460	12	892
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	3,275	9,264	2,406	411	1,155	16	16,527
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	163	798	1,536	81	740	4	3,322
Textiles and articles of dress..	226	287	2,316	24	722	22	3,597
Food, drink and tobacco ..	785	761	6,928	107	673	41	9,295
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	195	118	1,318	23	615	11	2,280
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	619	1,076	1,425	88	1,060	29	4,297
Building and Construction ..	1,140	721	3,814	96	847	45	6,663
Transport and Communication ..	641	1,227	2,801	183	2,053	57	6,962
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	950	612	2,578	148	1,123	41	5,452
Finance and property ..	78	46	108	15	48	1	296
Public Administration and Professional	680	253	1,759	53	517	35	3,297
Personal and Domestic Service ..	809	340	1,741	90	877	32	3,889
Other ..	503	118	1,649	20	456	23	2,769
TOTAL	12,873	16,272	37,153	1,431	12,351	408	80,488

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

The above admissions to benefit according to industrial groups are expressed as percentages to total admissions in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR ENDED
JUNE, 1947 : STATES.
(Percentages)

Industry in which last engaged	Percentages						
	New South Wales(a)	Vict- oria	Queens- land	South Aust. (b)	Western Aust- ralia	Tas- mania	Common- wealth
Primary Production	% 21.8	% 4.0	% 18.1	% 6.4	% 11.9	% 12.5	% 14.8
Factories and Industrial - Engineering etc. Vehicles etc. ..	26.7	61.9	10.6	34.4	15.3	4.9	24.7
Food, Drink and Tobacco	6.1	4.7	18.6	7.5	5.4	10.1	11.5
Other Factories ..	8.1	9.1	13.6	9.4	19.4	15.2	12.6
Building and Construction	8.9	4.4	10.2	6.7	6.9	11.0	8.3
Transport and Communication	5.0	7.5	7.5	12.8	16.6	14.0	8.6
Commerce and Finance ..	8.0	4.0	7.7	11.4	9.5	10.3	7.1
Other ..	15.4	4.4	13.7	11.4	15.0	22.0	12.4
<u>TOTAL</u>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Admissions to Benefit - Monthly State Totals: The number of admissions to unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1947 is shown in the following table:-

ADMISSIONS TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT - MONTHLY (a)
1946-47 : STATES.

Month	New South Wales (b)		Victoria		Queensland		South Aust- ralia (c)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1946														
July	649	40	376	11	7,167	2,421	140	1	705	20	34	1	9,071	2,494
August	1,108	49	462	8	1,258	77	125	1	858	29	64	-	3,875	164
September	767	41	264	16	1,081	40	46	-	586	12	47	-	2,791	109
October	853	31	233	15	1,541	40	52	1	375	10	48	-	3,102	97
November	1,001	26	6,233	181	2,901	70	288	2	5,660	722	49	-	16,132	1,001
December	1,876	22	3,184	121	3,882	160	198	2	448	18	20	1	9,608	324
1947														
January	1,277	29	1,223	54	3,496	77	151	1	483	8	19	1	6,649	170
February	1,613	41	352	14	3,446	97	79	1	396	12	17	-	5,903	165
March	838	30	694	23	2,984	128	63	1	459	13	34	1	5,072	196
April	890	26	1,326	36	1,579	80	107	-	342	3	31	-	4,275	145
May	806	42	1,099	59	1,766	105	84	-	454	11	22	-	4,231	217
June	619	30	199	4	1,455	71	35	2	347	10	15	-	2,670	117
<u>YEAR</u>	12,297	407	15,645	542	32,556	3,366	1,368	12	11,113	868	400	4	73,379	5,199

(a) Four-or five-weekly period ending last Saturday of month.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(v) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week: The following table shows the average number of persons on unemployment benefit at the end of each week in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1947 and during each of the years 1945-46 and 1946-47;-

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AT END OF EACH WEEK
1945-46 AND 1946-47 : STATES.

Period	New South Wales (a)		Victoria		Queensland		South Australia (b)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<u>Year</u>														
1945-46	2,256	391	311	8	1,493	63	725	84	452	12	43	1	5,280	559
1946-47	1,680	74	1,528	51	4,498	167	195	3	1,062	32	79	2	9,042	329
<u>Month</u>														
1946														
July	1,261	102	598	16	3,763	547	324	2	1,290	41	88	3	7,324	711
August	1,396	106	680	15	2,460	104	261	2	1,295	40	105	3	6,197	270
September	1,545	103	611	21	2,468	85	179	2	1,225	35	110	2	6,138	248
October	1,504	106	494	25	2,680	69	145	2	1,050	27	105	2	5,978	231
November	1,506	79	2,125	58	3,483	79	177	3	1,664	78	100	1	9,055	298
December	2,271	67	5,778	184	5,263	155	328	4	1,167	35	93	2	14,900	447
1947														
January	2,519	53	3,580	115	6,797	175	324	4	1,044	32	73	3	14,337	382
February	2,395	49	990	40	7,486	187	175	3	907	22	51	3	12,004	304
March	1,447	46	901	38	7,020	196	131	3	775	22	49	2	10,323	307
April	1,483	55	1,229	37	5,423	168	129	3	756	19	57	1	9,077	283
May	1,645	62	1,019	43	3,913	148	115	3	763	16	51	-	7,506	272
June	1,375	57	665	31	3,489	133	105	4	750	15	45	-	6,429	240

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(vi) Males on Benefit at end of Year - Industrial Groups and Districts: The following table shows the distribution of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 28th June, 1947, according to the main industrial groups in each of the principal districts (those with over 60 males on benefit) of each State:-

UNEMPLOYMENT : MALES ON BENEFIT AT 28TH JUNE, 1947 :
DISTRICTS AND INDUSTRIES

State and District	Industry in which last engaged											TOTAL
	Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	Other Primary (including Mining)	Engineering, etc. (including Vehicles)	Food, Drink, etc. Factories	Other Factories	Building and Construction	Transport	Commerce and Finance	Public Administration and Professional	Personal and Domestic Service	Other Industries	
New South Wales-												
Metropolitan	9	1	68	15	54	35	24	54	59	43	2	364
Bathurst	18	8	10	17	6	9	4	4	1	10	1	88
Broken Hill	35	10	5	10	10	17	9	15	5	17	4	137
Lambton	5	17	34	4	18	16	12	16	7	8	4	141
Leeton	52	1	-	9	3	5	-	7	2	4	-	83
Tanworth	28	12	-	2	5	5	2	11	-	7	3	75
All Other	114	32	57	23	27	66	35	42	19	32	15	462
Total N.S.W.	261	81	174	80	123	153	86	149	93	121	29	1,350
Victoria -												
Metropolitan	7	5	129	18	46	19	57	26	11	20	1	339
Ballarat	9	1	2	8	11	13	3	12	1	2	1	63
Bendigo	21	13	6	33	14	16	6	6	2	5	4	126
All Other	19	7	21	3	15	13	11	11	8	5	-	113
Total Vic.	56	26	158	62	86	61	77	55	19	35	6	641
Queensland -												
Metropolitan	58	20	123	100	107	137	143	184	246	106	97	1,321
Bundaberg	196	14	10	95	10	41	41	26	3	9	5	450
Cairns	22	7	-	34	7	19	13	6	7	6	3	124
Charters Towers	17	10	3	5	5	19	4	5	6	4	6	84
Ipswich	9	4	6	1	6	16	1	6	7	4	4	64
Mackay	121	8	8	93	14	73	12	22	10	7	5	373
Maryborough	26	4	3	10	2	22	6	2	-	2	1	78
Rockhampton	25	10	8	70	8	42	20	24	6	17	9	239
Toowoomba	14	2	9	8	7	17	2	9	11	9	4	92
Townsville	10	-	5	13	5	8	5	13	12	8	2	81
All Other	81	9	4	21	4	44	10	7	5	8	3	196
Total Q'ld.	579	88	179	450	175	438	257	304	313	180	139	3,102
South Australia -												
Metropolitan	4	2	18	5	7	11	8	19	6	7	1	88
All Other	5	-	2	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	12
Total S. A.	9	2	20	5	10	12	9	19	6	7	1	100
Western Australia												
Metropolitan	36	22	68	43	66	68	56	110	61	96	30	656
All Other	11	14	8	2	13	7	7	8	2	15	1	88
Total W. A.	47	36	76	45	79	75	63	118	63	111	31	744
Tasmania												
Metropolitan	3	-	1	6	2	1	7	5	3	2	4	34
All Other	1	2	-	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	10
Total Tas.	4	2	1	7	3	1	9	7	4	2	4	44
Total C'wealth	956	235	608	649	476	740	501	652	498	456	210	5,981

**7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR AND PERSONS
ON BENEFIT AT END OF YEAR**

(i) Admissions to Benefit - Nature of Sickness (States): The number of admissions to Sickness Benefit notified in each State under the main natures of sickness during the year ended June, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

**ADMISSIONS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT - YEAR 1946-47 - NATURE
OF SICKNESS : STATES**

Nature of Sickness	New South Wales (a)	Vict- oria	Queens- land	Sth.Aus- tralia(b)	West. Aust.	Tas- mania	Common- wealth
M A L E S							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	870	676	509	290	328	129	2,802
Cancer	87	76	102	49	25	6	345
Other Tumours	129	97	53	41	37	13	370
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	989	689	397	356	244	157	2,832
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	89	54	34	27	17	4	225
Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,465	930	650	500	350	182	4,077
Circulatory System	1,392	1,000	560	411	291	160	3,814
Respiratory System	1,861	1,350	658	662	534	210	5,275
Digestive System	3,668	2,416	1,494	1,081	971	383	10,013
Genito-Urinary System	639	409	389	242	165	79	1,923
Skin and Cellular Tissue	1,040	580	492	308	350	147	2,917
Bones and Organs of Movement	405	284	192	160	142	64	1,247
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	166	170	121	93	74	50	674
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures	1,590	1,262	771	441	466	192	4,722
Other Injuries, etc.	1,415	1,104	717	497	518	249	4,500
Operations (original disability not stated)	103	74	33	31	27	25	293
Other (including not stated)	47	55	38	18	24	17	199
TOTAL	15,955	11,226	7,210	5,207	4,563	2,067	46,228
F E M A L E S							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	169	215	90	73	66	26	639
Cancer	24	13	5	6	3	-	51
Other Tumours	95	86	42	24	16	7	270
Rheumatism, Disease of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	270	189	114	65	52	49	739
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	103	71	41	20	17	8	260
Nervous System and Sense Organs	503	386	209	120	115	65	1,398
Circulatory System	164	171	68	44	41	22	510
Respiratory System	286	278	102	105	106	29	906
Digestive System	830	643	300	219	332	67	2,391
Genito-Urinary System	357	193	134	85	95	34	898
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	194	440	104	15	137	16	906
Skin and Cellular Tissue	200	135	85	49	66	31	566
Bones and Organs of Movement	82	70	43	30	26	9	260
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	97	112	59	47	45	21	381
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures	169	116	44	39	43	11	422
Other Injuries	151	118	55	38	49	12	423
Operations (original disability not stated)	49	76	15	14	30	6	190
Other (including not stated)	9	12	5	3	14	2	45
TOTAL	3,752	3,324	1,515	996	1,253	415	11,255

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

An analysis of the 57,483 admissions to sickness benefit notified during the year ended June, 1947, reveals the most prevalent diseases, etc. included in each of the main types as follows:-

infective and parasitic diseases - influenza (776 males, 100 females), tuberculosis (527, 227);

rheumatism, etc. - acute rheumatic fever (432, 161), chronic rheumatism and other rheumatic diseases (1,704, 229), ill-defined rheumatism (286, 68);

diseases of the nervous system, etc. - mental disorders and deficiency (1,712, 1,006), neuritis (819, 128), diseases of the organs of vision (610, 71);

diseases of the circulatory system - diseases of the myocardium (695, 52), diseases of the coronary arteries and angina pectoris (646, 17), other and unspecified heart diseases (941, 120), varices (734, 98), idiopathic high blood pressure (380, 112);

diseases of the respiratory system - pneumonia and pleurisy (2,238, 322), bronchitis (1,401, 243), asthma (554, 134), sinusitis (312, 80);

diseases of the digestive system - appendicitis (3,241, 1,356), hernia (1,611, 68), ulcer of the stomach (1,243, 59), ulcer of the duodenum (795, 34), diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (857, 336), diseases of the gall-bladder and bile ducts (435, 195);

diseases of the genito-urinary system - diseases of the kidneys and ureters (1,105, 327) diseases of the genital organs, not specified as venereal (537, 522);

diseases of the skin, etc. - carbuncles (513, 44), cellulitis and acute abscess (394, 71);

fractures - of the lower limbs (1,774, 159), of the upper limbs (1,607, 179), of the trunk bones and vertebral column (850, 62), of the skull (381, 13);

other injuries - open wounds, perforations and lacerations (1,078, 64), sprains and strains (743, 92), head injuries (482, 47).

Twenty per cent. of total sickness benefits notified as admitted during the year ended June, 1947 were females but the above analysis of most prevalent diseases shows a wide variation in the proportion of females as between different diseases.

The highest percentages of females to total persons were recorded in the following diseases - diseases of the genital organs (49), mental disorders etc. (37) diseases of the gall-bladder, etc. (31), appendicitis (29) and diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (28), whilst the lowest were in the following - injuries (9), carbuncles and boils (8), heart diseases (8), ulcers of stomach and duodenum (4) and hernia (4).

(ii) Ages: In the following table sickness beneficiaries are distributed according to age groups:-

GROUPED AGE - SICKNESS CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING 1946-47 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH JUNE, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1946)	Claims admitted during year ended June, 1947			On benefit at 28th June, 1947		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
16-19 years	3,625	3,152	6,777	540	567	1,107
20-24 "	5,481	2,911	8,392	691	491	1,182
25-29 "	4,863	1,230	6,093	527	227	754
30-34 "	5,150	868	6,018	602	187	789
35-39 "	4,936	712	5,648	663	149	812
40-44 "	4,720	711	5,431	677	182	859
45-49 "	4,503	739	5,242	788	197	985
50-54 "	4,417	562	4,979	876	129	1,005
55-59 "	4,870	354	5,224	1,091	88	1,179
60-64 "	3,663	16	3,679	809	2	811
<u>TOTAL</u>	46,228	11,255	57,483	7,264	2,219	9,483

(iii) Incidence of Sickness according to age: The following table analyses the incidence of males whose admission to sickness benefit was notified during the year ended June, 1947, in the main types of sickness according to specified age groups:-

INCIDENCE OF MAIN TYPES OF SICKNESS IN SPECIFIED AGE GROUPS - MALES ADMITTED
TO SICKNESS BENEFIT DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	16-29 years	30-44 years	45-64 years	Total
	%	%	%	%
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	31.2	38.5	30.3	100
Cancer ..	5.2	16.8	78.0	100
Other Tumours ..	22.7	26.2	51.1	100
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition etc. ..	19.4	35.1	45.5	100
Diseases of -				
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	18.2	30.7	51.1	100
Nervous System and Sense Organs	22.3	35.6	42.1	100
Circulatory System ..	8.8	21.3	69.9	100
Respiratory System ..	19.8	33.2	47.0	100
Digestive System ..	35.2	33.3	31.5	100
Genito-Urinary System ..	21.7	30.2	48.1	100
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	27.9	40.0	32.1	100
Bones and Organs of Movement	37.1	32.6	30.3	100
Fractures ..	51.6	26.6	21.8	100
Other Injuries ..	46.8	31.3	21.9	100
<u>TOTAL:</u>	30.2	32.0	37.8	100
Proportion of male population between 16-64 years in each age group	34.6	33.4	32.0	100

The effect of age on certain types of disease is already indicated in the preceding table. Cancer and diseases of the circulatory system (heart diseases, etc.) are shown to be essentially diseases of advancing years. Seventy-eight per cent. of the males in the former and 70 per cent. in the latter category were 45 years of age and over. Tumours (other than cancer), diseases of the blood and blood forming organs, genito-urinary and respiratory systems and rheumatism (other than acute rheumatic fever) also reveal the same tendency but to a lesser degree. Diseases of the digestive system are distributed in practically the same proportions as the male population in each of the three age groups. Injuries are more prevalent in the lower age groups due in part to the greater activity of youth. Most of the injuries included are non-occupational as occupational injuries are generally covered by compensation and therefore do not usually come within the ambit of the Act.

Owing to the rapid decline in numbers of females in employment in the higher age groups, the influence of age on the different types of sickness is not evident from a similar consideration of females granted sickness benefit. This decline explains in part the relatively small number of heart diseases amongst female beneficiaries.

(iv) Industrial Groups: The following statements show the distribution according to main industrial groups of males and females whose admission to benefit was notified during the year ended June, 1947:*

SICKNESS - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING YEAR
ENDED JUNE, 1947 : STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aust. (b)	West. Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Common-wealth
<u>M A L E S</u>							
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	900	818	928	335	419	246	3,646
Other Primary Production ..	259	283	155	97	164	100	1,058
Coal Mining ..	1,264	104	211	1	141	13	1,734
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	77	83	122	41	414	190	927
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding ..	3,989	1,630	556	1,075	266	133	7,649
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	457	699	265	651	230	57	2,359
Textiles and articles of dress ..	533	828	110	104	64	112	1,751
Food, drink and tobacco ..	936	820	805	340	185	108	3,194
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	528	414	430	141	273	125	1,911
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	1,628	1,352	375	460	320	173	4,308
Building and Construction ..	1,668	1,295	1,149	575	703	295	5,685
Transport and Communication ..	1,171	974	748	588	539	249	4,269
Commerce and Fiance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	1,299	970	630	453	428	113	3,893
Finance and property ..	57	65	39	15	23	10	209
Public Administration and Professional	551	314	320	122	137	58	1,502
Personal and Domestic Service ..	575	518	321	194	217	79	1,904
Other ..	63	59	46	15	40	6	229
<u>TOTAL</u>	15,955	11,226	7,210	5,207	4,563	2,067	46,228
<u>F E M A L E S</u>							
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	18	14	10	5	4	3	54
Other Primary Production ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Coal Mining ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding ..	265	154	22	55	8	3	507
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	18	32	7	11	2	-	70
Textiles and articles of dress ..	819	980	221	142	161	121	2,444
Food, drink and tobacco ..	326	195	88	47	56	21	733
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	39	17	8	4	5	1	74
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	304	233	60	49	55	10	711
Building and Construction ..	2	1	3	-	1	-	7
Transport and Communication ..	63	105	45	32	23	6	274
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	582	410	266	221	285	62	1,826
Finance and property ..	51	33	16	19	11	2	132
Public Administration and Professional	416	501	237	180	208	62	1,604
Personal and Domestic Service ..	841	638	522	231	432	119	2,783
Other ..	7	9	9	-	2	5	32
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,752	3,324	1,515	996	1,253	415	11,255

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the year ended June, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1947 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent- age Re- jects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	19,262	6,389	22,501	2,794	558	126	42,321	9,309	22.0
Victoria	22,147	5,875	17,352	2,802	621	107	40,120	8,784	21.9
Queensland	54,271	17,118	10,517	1,792	539	119	65,327	19,029	29.1
A. (b)	4,197	2,766	7,888	1,685	185	43	12,270	4,494	36.6
N. A.	18,747	6,396	6,930	1,114	260	57	25,937	7,567	29.2
Tasmania	544	136	2,922	440	73	18	3,539	594	16.8
TOTAL	119,168	38,680	68,110	10,627	2,236	470	189,514	49,777	26.3

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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END 1 JUNE, 1947 : STATES.

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent- age Re- jects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
CANBERRA.	4,197	2,766	7,888	1,685	185	43	12,270	4,494	36.6
A.C.T.	18,747	6,396	6,930	1,114	260	57	25,937	7,567	29.2
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